Complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew, retired Director of Registration.

455. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew when he was the Director of Registration ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what enquiries have been made on such complaints ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature and result of such enquiries ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why no enquiry was made ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*).

(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*). In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Road from Aruvikara to Vellanadu.

456. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of a *pucca* bridge by the side of the anicut at Aruvikara, constructed by the Water Works Engineer ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the bridge is left unused at present ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the bridge would be of much use if a road is constructed from Aruvikara to Vellanadu ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the people have petitioned the Government for the construction of such a road ;

(*e*) what would be the length of the road, if a road be constructed, from Aruvikara to Vellanadu ; and

(*f*) whether they are aware that the people are willing to surrender land free of compensation for the purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The bridge is being used by the public.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In view of the answers to parts (*a*), (*c*) and (*f*), may I know from the Government why the work has not yet been taken up ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Financial considerations.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the people are willing to surrender the land free of compensation ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We have had some statements saying that the people were willing to surrender the land ; but the fact whether they own these lands is being verified through the Land Revenue Department.

Road from the M. C. Road to the Vamanapuram District Dispensary.

457. ✱**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the branch road that leads from the M. C. Road to the District Dispensary at Vamanapuram is maintained by the P. W. D ;

(*b*) how long it is since it is not maintained ;

(*c*) what is the length of the road ; and

(*d*) what would be the approximate cost for its maintenance ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) This road is not now maintained by the P. W. D.

(*b*) It is not maintained since the camp-shed at Vamanapuram was handed over to the Medical Department to be used as the Dispensary.

(*c*) About 1,200 feet.

(*d*) The cost would approximately be Rs. 30.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government whether the branch road also was handed over to the Medical Department when the camp-shed was handed over to them ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there was a maintenance allotment for that branch road before it was handed over to the Medical Department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the amount of such maintenance grant ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why that road is not being maintained at present ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is being maintained by the Medical Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Do the Government know that the road is being maintained by the Medical Department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

P. W. D. toll-gate at Venjaramood.

458. ✱**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. toll-gate at Venjaramood is a sub-gate;

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